

In the Claims

28. (Currently Amended) A selective call forwarding system, comprising:

(a) a telephone system configured to receive at least one call made from one of a plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers to a subscriber telephone number, and to selectively forward the call to a one of a plurality of forwarding telephone numbers~~[[,]] wherein different ones of the forwarding telephone numbers are associated with respective caller telephone numbers and are also associated with the subscriber telephone number, wherein the plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers are exclusively forwarded to one or more of the forwarding telephone numbers,~~ and wherein the telephone system is further configured to provide an indication, to a caller placing the call, that the call is being forwarded to the forwarding telephone number; and

(b) a programmable telephone number table containing at least the subscriber telephone number, the plurality of forwarding telephone numbers associated with the subscriber telephone number, and associating therewith the plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers, ~~and further associating with different ones of the caller telephone numbers different respective forwarding telephone numbers,~~ and wherein the programmable telephone number table is in communication with the telephone system and can be edited by a user of the system via a website.

29. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 28 wherein the website resides on the Internet.

30. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 28 wherein access to the programmable telephone number table via the website is restricted.

31. **(Currently Amended)** A method comprising:

receiving a first call made to a subscriber telephone number from a first caller telephone number;

determining whether the first caller telephone number is one of a plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers associated with the subscriber telephone number;

if the first caller telephone number is one of a plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers, forwarding the first call to a first forwarding telephone number ~~associated with the first caller telephone number~~ ;

if the first call is forwarded to a first forwarding telephone number, providing an indication, to the first caller, that the first call is being forwarded to the first forwarding telephone number;

receiving at least a second call made to the subscriber telephone number from at least a second caller telephone number;

determining whether the second caller telephone number is one of the plurality of

preferred caller telephone numbers associated with the subscriber telephone number;

if the second caller telephone number is one of a plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers, forwarding the second call to a second forwarding telephone number, associated with the second caller telephone number; and

if the second call is forwarded to a second forwarding telephone number, providing an indication, to the second caller, that the second call is being forwarded to the second forwarding telephone number[[.]] ; and

wherein if the first caller telephone number is not a preferred caller telephone number, the first call is processed normally without forwarding the first call to the first forwarding telephone number;

and wherein if the second caller telephone number is not a preferred caller telephone number, the second call is processed normally without forwarding the second call to the second forwarding telephone number.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising determining whether the first forwarding telephone number is associated with a wireless telephone, and wherein forwarding the first call to the first forwarding telephone number is performed in response to determining that the wireless telephone is in an on-state.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, further comprising associating the subscriber telephone number with a subscriber to a selective call forwarding service, and further comprising enabling the subscriber to configure a programmable telephone number table to:

associate a plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers with the subscriber telephone number[[,]]; and

associate with each of the preferred caller telephone numbers at least one respective forwarding telephone number.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, wherein determining whether the first caller telephone number is one of a plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers associated with the subscriber telephone number includes accessing a programmable telephone number table containing at least the subscriber telephone number and ~~associating therewith~~ the plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers and determining if the first caller telephone number is a preferred caller telephone number listed in the programmable telephone number table. [[,]] ~~and further associating with each of the caller telephone numbers at least one respective forwarding telephone number.~~

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, wherein determining whether the second caller telephone number is one of a plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers associated with the subscriber telephone number includes accessing a programmable telephone number table containing at least the subscriber telephone

~~number and associating therewith the plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers and determining if the second caller telephone number is a preferred caller telephone listed in the programmable telephone number table.[[.]] and further associating with each of the caller telephone numbers at least one respective forwarding telephone number.~~

36. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28, wherein the indication provided to the caller is an audible voice notification.

37. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28, wherein the indication provided to the caller is an audible tone.

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28, wherein the indication provided to the caller is a lamp.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein providing an indication to the first caller includes providing an audible voice notification.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein providing an indication to the first caller includes providing an audible tone.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein providing an indication to the first caller includes providing the indication using a lamp.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein providing an indication to the second caller includes providing an audible voice notification.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein providing an indication to the second caller includes providing an audible tone.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein providing an indication to the second caller includes providing the indication using a lamp.

45. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein different ones of the forwarding telephone numbers are associated with respective preferred caller telephone numbers and are also associated with the subscriber telephone number.

46. (New) The method of claim 28, further associating the plurality of forwarding telephone numbers of the programmable telephone number table with respective preferred caller telephone numbers.

47. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein forwarding the first call includes forwarding the first call to a first forwarding telephone number associated with the first caller telephone number.

48. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein forwarding the second call includes forwarding the second call to a second forwarding telephone number associated with the second caller telephone number.